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THE IDEA OF A REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LOOKS GOOD TO US IN PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT KATZ VISIT, AND ANY OTHER NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE SYSTEM, SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE VISIT TO FALCO AND BOURNE, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE DURING WEEK OF JUNE 20. WE ARE TRYING TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR FALCO AND BOURNE AND ANTICIPATE THAT THEIR CONVERSATION WITH HIM WILL HAVE A FAR-REACHING EFFECT ON OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS HERE. UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING IS KNOWN, WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO UNDERTAKE YET ANOTHER NEGOTIATION, (IN ADDITION TO HELICOL) WITH THE COLOMBIANS. BASED ON THAT WE KNOW OF CURRENT WASHINGTON THINKING WITH RESPECT TO THE COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS PROBLEM AN ADMITTEDLY FRAGMENTARY KNOWLEDGE) WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT KATZ TRIP WOULD EVEN BE CONTEMPLATED WITHIN TIME FRAME INDICATED. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE COLOMBIAN ROLE AND GOC COOPERATION IN SUCH A REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS IMPORTANT, AS WE EXPECT IT COULD BE, TO THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE THEN IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO BEAR THIS IN MIND DURING THE

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